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Elite units playing
By Robert Burns
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — America's unconventional warriors, known as special operations forces, have played a bigger role in Iraq than in any war in recent history, a senior U.S. military
"It's probably the most effective widest use of special operation recent history, clearly
Maj. Gen. Stanley McChry
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POW freed in commando raid
Family rejoices as W.Va. woman's 9-day ordeal ends
War with Iraq
The battle zone
Special operations forces fight f
Capturing airfields in western desert could give allies launch point for Baghdad assault
By Vivienne Walt
USA TODAY
AMMAN, Jordan — In a secret operation, U.S., British and Australian special operations forces have been battling Iraqi soldiers during the past week in Iraq's west-
Clandestine combat
ern desert to gain control of two strategic air bases.
At least one of the air bases has been captured by coalition forces, according to military sources. The base, called H3, is 45 miles east of the Jordanian border.
Both bases in the western desert could be used by helicopters that could transport troops to Baghdad for a battle there.
The area around Iraq's 280-mile highway from Jordan's frontier to Baghdad is a vast empty plain of limestone and volcanic rock. There are a few gas stations and some tents set up by nomadic Bedouins.
But the desert could prove critical to a battle in Baghdad. The broad highway that runs straight to the capital is a crucial artery for Jordan's oil supply. U.S. aid officials say most of the humanitarian supplies Iraq needs have to be moved on that road.
Australian Defense Ministry spokesman, Brig. Mike Hannan, told Australian reporters over the weekend that his country's special operations forces had killed dozens of Iraqis in the battle for the H2 and H3 air bases. H2 is about 100 miles from the Jordanian border.
Lt. Col. Mark Elliott, the Australian military spokesman, said Tuesday that in one battle, Iraqi soldiers surrendered to Australian forces that specialize in hunting for strategic weapons. Elliott spoke by telephone from Doha, Qatar. The Australians disarmed their foes and moved on across the desert, leaving the Iraqis to be taken prisoner by other units.
"We've been involved in contacts with enemy forces in the west," Elliott said. "It's involved all special forces from all different countries."
Maj. Rumi Nielson-Green, a spokeswoman at U.S. Central Command in Qatar, confirmed the battles Tuesday.
"There are ongoing operations in the western desert," she said.
The coalition forces are said to have infiltrated Iraq through the western desert last Thursday.
Last weekend, The Observer, a London
to bottom, in the west and also in the north," Franks said. "They're operating in small teams. They're very, very mobile. And they're doing for us just exactly what we want to have them do."
In addition to the effort to take the air
"United Kingdom and American special operations forces are about their business from left to right and top
In northern Iraq, the city of
hit by new coalition airs
Bombing and anti-aircr
heard around the no
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An official from the
Kurdistan, which contro
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ARSOF OPERATIONS

	Missions	Personnel	Locations
CENTCOM	27	5043	12
EUCOM	24	246	15
NORTHCOM	62	589	25
PACOM	22	207	8
SOUTHCOM	20	217	9
TOTAL	155	6302	69

GWOT Participation Since 9/11

- **Special Forces (SF):**
  Active Component: **90 %**
  Reserve Component: **89 %**
- **Rangers: 100 %**
- **160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR): 100 %**
- **Civil Affairs (CA):**
  Active Component: **89 %**
  Reserve Component: **88 %**
- **Psychological Operations (PSYOP):**
  Active Component: **83 %**
  Reserve Component: **51 %**
- **Special Operations Support Command (SOSCOM): 100 %**
- **Special Warfare Center and School (SWCS):**
  Through put increased from 9,000 to 17,000 per year

Two Special Forces Groups and One SF Company completed two or more combat tours

Two of three Battalions completed two combat tours
One company on 5th combat tour

Three SOAR Battalions completed two tours, Two completed three tours. 11,000 combat hours

Two Active Component Civil Affairs (CA) Companies completed two combat tours
Two USAR CA battalions and One CA Company completed two combat tours

One Active Component PSYOP Company completed two or more combat tours

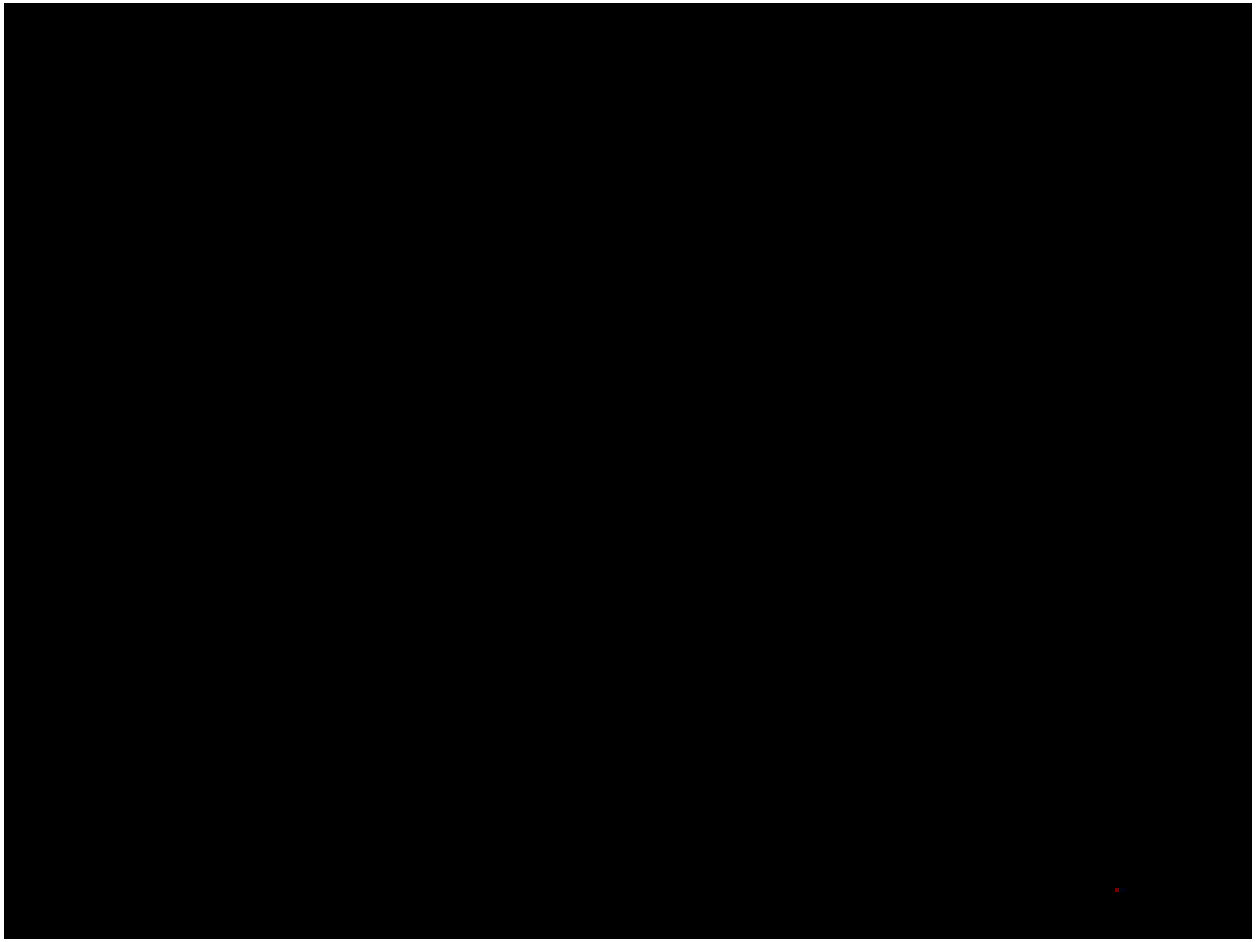
112th Signal Battalion, and 528th Special Operations Support Battalion completed two combat tours

USASOC Future

- Special Forces
  FY 06: (Band I) Total Growth: 679 Soldiers (CS/CSS)
  FY 08: (Band II) Total Growth: 1162 Soldiers
- Operational Detachment at Group Headquarters
- One Operational Detachment Alpha to CIF Battalion UAV section

- Civil Affairs
  FY06: 2 x Active Component Companies, Total Growth: 118

- PSYOP
  FY06: 2 x Active Component Regional Companies: 154 Soldiers
  2 x Active Component Companies: 154 Soldiers (validated / not resourced)
  4 x Reserve Component Regional Battalions
  Reserve Component: Resourced to 100% of TOE



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3496 ft MSL
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2.6 km
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PLAY
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LASER SELECT

SOF TRUTHS

- Humans are more important than hardware
- Quality is better than Quantity
- Special Operations Forces cannot be mass produced
- Competent Special Operations Forces cannot be created after emergencies occur

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